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## SBA Pays for Pres and V.P. Trip to Florida

By Peter Perkowski

The Student Bar Association settled a tense controversy last Tuesday when it voted unanimously to pay the expenses of President Ed Mullen and Day Vice President Robin Runge for their trip to the American Bar Association Convention in Florida last summer.

The unanimous vote belied the underlying contentiousness of the matter. Mullen and Runge took the trip without Board approval, and their reimbursement requests took the Board by surprise on their first meeting on September 3. Because of the surprise, and the Board's desire to look into the matter, a motion to reimburse the officers was tabled at that meeting and put off until the meeting last Tuesday.

Both officers believed, based on practice in recent years, that they had implicit authority from the Board to attend the ABA Convention as representatives of the Law School. In prior years, the SBA President and Day Vice President have attended the conference along with the Law School's ABA Representatives, all of whom received reimbursement for their expenses.

Usually, the ABA pays a portion of the expenses of the Representatives and, in the case of members of the Governing Board, full expenses. Several SBA members, however, were concerned about possible appearances of impropriety because the money was spent without prior approval, which is against SBA procedures.

In an explanatory letter to all SBA Board members, President Ed Mullen noted that the authorization for the trip was on the Board's agenda for the last meeting of the 1995-96 school year, but was not dealt with at the time because the student groups appropriations process occupied the Board's attention. In the letter, Mullen stated that the trip to Florida was not a "perk," but a responsibility, remarking that he and Runge represented the Law School in an official capacity while at the Convention.

During debate on the reimbursements Tuesday, one Board member

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## Students Grapple with Exam Snafu

By Naren Chaganti  
Staff Writer

Last semester, first-year section 12 students took an unusual final examination for their Property course taught by Professor Elizabeth Geltman. The exam was largely copied from one of the examinations given by Professor Joshua Schwartz about four years ago. Prof. Schwartz was neither consulted nor was aware of the fact that Prof. Geltman copied his exam.

A number of section 12 students had the opportunity to study the very examination that was copied. Some of those students reported the fact to the administration immediately after the exam was finished.

Dean Jack Friedenthal apologized for the incident to the section 12 students in a letter mailed to them in May. He ordered that the examinations be impounded and remain ungraded.



Prof. Geltman

For grades, the administration came up with two alternatives.

The first option was for students to receive the grade of "Credit" for Property. The four units of "Credit" will not count toward the maximum number of

Credit/No Credit units allowed under law school regulations. Also, the students that have received a "Credit" for the Property course may, at any time during the 1996-97 academic year, take a regularly scheduled examination in any one section of Property. The grade that the student receives in that examination will be substituted for the "Credit" previously received by the student.

On the other hand, the students may choose to receive a grade in Property in accordance with their overall grade point average (GPA) for all other first year courses. For example, if a

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The honorable Bruce Lehman, Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, gave the keynote address at the Marcus B. Finnegan Memorial Lectures, which took place at the Law School on September 18, 1996.

## LAW SCHOOL'S GRADING POLICIES UNDER FIRE

By H. Otis Bilodeau

Associate News Editor

The Law School's grading policies -- in particular, the recently implemented curve professor's use when grading larger classes -- were scrutinized in a recent Legal Times article on the subject of grade inflation in D.C.-area law schools. That article never explicitly asserted that GW Law's curve was designed to inflate grades, but in a letter to Legal Times, Prof. Banzhaf proclaimed that "the grade inflation from [the Law School's] new curve was far from accidental or inadvertent."

Separately, Banzhaf alleged that the practice of supplementing, or reducing, a grade based on participation threatened the anonymity of the grading process.

The Law School developed the curve, which professors must use for classes of 50 students or more, in 1992. It mandates a mean of 2.8-3.1, and requires certain distributions of letter grades. (For example, 40-65% of grades in a given large class must fall within the B-, B, B+ range, and in the following increments: 5-25% of grades must be B+, 10-30% must be B, and 5-25% must be B-.) The new curve accompanied the Law School's abandonment of a numerical grading system in favor of letter grades. The net result was an adjustment upward from a target mean of 75-77 (on the old numerical scale) to the present B mean.

According to Banzhaf, the faculty adopted both the new curve and letter grading in response to similar practices by other law schools. "As we all damn well know, [the change in grading policy]

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## NOTA BENE EDITORIAL

### Lighten Up, Professor Banzhaf

The editors of this newspaper aim to further the sharing of news, information, and commentary relevant to the Law School community. This begs the question: what is the ideal scope and content of such news, information, and commentary, such that it best serves our readership?

Some, like Professor John Banzhaf, would argue that pages should be filled exclusively with information about the law school -- nothing else. We agree that this should be the central focus: after all, this is the most salient common interest of our readers. Indeed, as discussed in the previous issue of *Nota Bene*, we aim to improve our law school news coverage.

Yet we read our mission more broadly. In a Letter to the Editor contained herein, Professor Banzhaf bemoans the presence of articles in the previous issue of *Nota Bene* that were not law related. He condemns the presence of a sports column, Washington DC restaurant reviews and movie reviews, and other "pet interests" Banzhaf deems irrelevant to the law school community. Apparently an uncited "recent survey" supports his position. We take exception.

Banzhaf may have forgotten that law school is a consuming experience. For three years, perhaps four, we eat, drink, and breathe the law. We risk becoming one-dimensional, as our diverse interests and multifaceted personalities become put aside, neglected, and perhaps forgotten.

This is not a novel concern. It is frequently addressed: how can the single-mindedness generated by law school be tempered, and our non-legal interests and personality traits be preserved? During each law school orientation, professor after professor intones this word of caution in their presentation to the students. Do not forget your interests; do not become consumed by the law. It is a profession, and a noble one at that; but it is not your life. Make an active effort to preserve your identity throughout the law school experience.

Because we agree with this rationale, we believe that we would subvert our mission were we to forbid submissions that have no direct bearing on the law school. The interests of the law school community are best served by offering more than the inner happenings and events within the Burns, Lerner and Stockton buildings. While the focus must remain on the law school, we are proud that we offer an alternative to those who seek one. By highlighting the best (and worst) of what Washington has to offer in food, theater, film and other areas, we offer both non-legal pleasure reading and incentive to explore the Washington community. And the benefit is reciprocal, as the student authors may pursue their non-legal "pet interests." All of this counters the legal myopia that can all too easily afflict each of us.

We are tempted to criticize Professor Banzhaf for contenting himself with throwing stones from the sidelines, and not also constructively indicating his willingness to put pen to paper on one of the topics about which he cares so deeply. However, to the extent that Professor Banzhaf might be content to simply see more thorough and critical news coverage, we accept both his criticism and its underlying challenge.

As to the proper balance of Law School news versus non-law school news, we turn to the students for input. We will, of course, be responsive to student needs and student demand. However, we explicitly reject the notion that the Law School community is better served by excluding non-legal articles. We believe that the dialog we create should extend beyond these three buildings. The Law School has an interest in producing well-adjusted, well-rounded attorneys, and to that end, we take pride in the assistance we can provide in cultivating and furthering such outside interests. Perhaps Professor Banzhaf could benefit from a glimpse beyond the Law School's walls. He seems to have a little extra time on his hands.

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 House  
Editorial

## ✍ Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

No longer "*The Advocate*," it's now called "*Nota Bene*," which we are told means "here is something important." But are the contents of this renamed publication really important, or is it just like the old *Advocate* which contained very little hard news, and lots of sports and other non-law-related ramblings?

The premier issue of *Nota Bene* contained only two news articles; i.e. articles even identified by the paper itself as "news." But one was only a summary of a sports article in the *Washington Post*, and the other described some changes in the library which probably would be obvious to most students walking through.

On the other hand, there was absolutely nothing about:

- recent publicity which reflected unfavorably on the law school;
  - the motion to force some law students to pay the University's legal expenses in a law suit about law school tuition;
  - the story behind why the Dean suddenly created a new ad hoc committee about harassment;
  - what if anything the SBA had done during the first two weeks of law school;
  - what important recruitment, appointment, and tenure decisions are coming up;
  - why so little is being done with the law school's new Internet web page capability
- and
- many other issues of real and immediate interest to law students.

Instead the pages of *Nota Bene* were filled with:

- a two-page sports article by non-students;
- another one-page sports article by a student;
- two wire-service articles about sex and about student loans;
- a student movie review;
- a paste-together profile of new faculty members (which would have been very useful at the beginning of classes);
- a student restaurant review,
- some miscellaneous announcements, and
- two articles about the CDO and the Student Affairs office written by the offices themselves.

The latter is a little bit like letting Clinton report on developments at the White House, while Dole and Gingrich report respectively on accomplishments at the Senate and House.

Yes, as the Editor-in-Chief so delicately put it, *The Advocate* "sucked," and few good writers wanted to work for it. But the premier issue of *Nota Bene* seems almost indistinguishable from the old *Advocate*. It contained very little hard news and much too much non-news, even though a recent survey showed that students overwhelmingly want more news, not reviews.

Once *The Advocate* played an important role at the law school, helping to shape law school policy by uncovering things students should know about what is going on around them and affecting them. Students knew and looked forward to the day it was published so they could find out about developments and react to them. Today no one seems to care.

There is no dearth of interesting and important stories at the law school waiting to be reported on, but there does seem to be a deficiency of interest in doing more than asking people to write about pet interests like sports, movies, and restaurants to help fill up the space.

Yours truly,

John F. Banzhaf III  
Professor of Law

To the Editor:

Your staff writer, Darin Morgan, is a well-informed professional, and I greatly enjoyed his NFL Preview, in the last issue of your paper. But, alas he is fallible. The Buffalo Bills will win the Super Bowl. They will defeat whatever team they play, cheese heads or otherwise.

I'm already stocking my supply of chicken wings, blue cheese dressing and celery sticks, and roast beef on week for the victory party. I may even drink a Genesee beer. The Bills make me want to shout.

Alberto Benitez  
The Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics



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was done to boost grades...The argument was: everyone was doing it, and we had to keep up with other schools." The change was "unseemly and phony," Banzhaf said. "It's like those ads that say 'new and improved' when nothing has really changed."

Dean Raven-Hansen agreed that the curve and letter grading were adopted in response to "market forces." He contended, however, that the faculty's concern was "not to inflate grades, but to present grades in a more familiar format to employers...At the same time, we did adjust the target mean."

The "Report from the Special Committee on Grade Reform," written by the faculty-student committee that developed the new policy, tends to indicate that both Banzhaf and Raven-Hansen are partly correct. The report explains that "A[n]...important reason for our recommended change in the grading system is the Committee's unanimous belief that our current numerical grading system is hurting our student's ability to compete in the job market by making them expend precious interview time explaining a grading system that is unfamiliar to many employers."

The report also states, "We discovered that our curve was more stringent than most other schools with which we like to be compared and that such stringency was...hurting our students in the job market. [...] To remedy these problems...the Committee's proposed new curve slightly liberalizes the curve at the "B" level in recognition of the overall improvement in our student body."

Banzhaf also faulted the faculty practice of modifying grades based on student participation, arguing that anonymity is lost in the process. According to Records Office staff, most of those faculty who add or subtract for participation do so by making adjustments to a list that matches student names with their respective exam grades. In other words, these faculty modify a student's grade (if at all) only after seeing how that student performed on her exam. Only a few faculty members provide the Records Office with a list of participation-based grade modifications before learning who has scored what on the exam.

Dean Raven-Hansen suggested that he might ask the faculty to consider whether a new procedure should be implemented.

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student has a GPA between 2.833 and 3.166, the student will receive a grade of B or a grade point of 3.0. Students choosing this option will either lower or raise their overall GPA by a small amount.

Dean Friedenthal said in his letter that it was "particularly galling when the circumstances were caused by human error relating directly to the production of the examination itself." He also stated that he would not schedule Professor Geltman to teach Property in the future.

When asked how this incident could have happened, Dean Robinson said, "This is a one of a kind situation. It did not happen before and we do not think it will happen again." She also mentioned that the administration left the exams ungraded because they felt it was not fair to grade them.

Dean Friedenthal was more philosophical. "This is an unfortunate situation. Things like this happen occasionally for one reason or another. Generally we warn people to be very careful with examinations. We tell the faculty to consider the implications of the questions they write, to ensure fairness for all students."

Responding to the concern that some students may be disappointed with the grade they received as a result of the incident, Dean Friedenthal said, "Examinations are not precision instruments."

Situations like this are always a problem for the dean. I like to be able to offer a solution that is as fair as possible. Examinations have the potential of unfairness for one reason or the other. Students have other opportunities to raise their GPA. I don't blame the students for being upset. They have every right to be upset."

Professor Joshua Schwartz, whose previous examination was copied by Prof. Geltman, said, "I was not aware [of the copying] until after the exam is given. Had I been made aware, I strongly believe I would have said, 'don't do this.' As the students of my own section of Property know, I make my old exams freely available. The idea is for students to be able to practice with the old exams. Prof. Geltman got a copy of the same material. However, I did not say to Prof. Geltman, 'you may not use it for your exam.' It never occurred to me that she would."

Dean Friedenthal declined to comment on any disciplinary action taken in regard to the situation. Professor Geltman had no comment on the incident.

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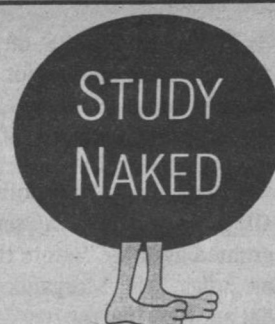
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stated that SBA-recognized student groups are instructed during the funding process that officers cannot spend group funds on whatever they wish and expect to be reimbursed. The failure of the SBA itself to follow the same rules would damage its credibility.

Law School Senior ABA Representative Glen Merten, who attended the Convention with the officers, emphasized that Mullen and Runge acted in accordance with their understanding of past practice, and noted that they tempered their reimbursement requests by only asking for plane and hotel costs, but not for meals and related expenses.

Ultimately, most SBA members who spoke against the officers were concerned about possible appearances of impropriety rather than the actual expenditure, and the motion to approve the reimbursement was approved unanimously. The Board also discussed whether to authorize the trip for next year's officers, but did not act on that issue immediately.

Observed one anonymous SBA Board member, "After this incident, I'm confident that the officers will act in a more responsible manner."



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## Law School NEWS

### A Message from Dean Durand

By Frank D. Durand

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Well folks, the dynasty that was my beloved Dallas Cowboys is falling apart like a cheap suit (my new mantra: "anyone but the 49ers"). I am only able to deal with this regrettable fact because of my recent invigorating visit to Coors Field in Denver where I watched Andres "The Big Cat" Galarraga blast two mammoth home runs to lead my beloved Colorado Rockies over the Houston Astros. OK, with the obligatory sports wrap-up outta the way, here are a couple news items:

**Item 1:** All post-1L students should have received in their mail slots a print-out of the courses for which they have registered this semester. If you have not already done so, please look over this document carefully to make sure the courses for which you have registered are the courses which you are in fact attending. I tell you this because... (big warning coming up)... UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A STUDENT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR ANY COURSE NOT APPEARING ON HIS/HER CLASS PRINTOUT. Also, please verify that any course you have elected to take on a credit/no credit basis is so reflected on your class printout. If you notice a problem, please see me or someone in the Records Office as soon as possible to get the matter straightened out.

**Item 2:** Students planning to graduate in January 1996 (i.e., after the Fall 1996 semester) must complete a graduation application form in the Records Office by **Friday, September 27, 1996**.

**Item 3:** Professor Alberto Benitez, director of the immigration clinic (and a fervent though perpetually disappointed Buffalo Bills fan) is looking for students with foreign language skills who are willing to volunteer their time as interpreters and/or translators for his clients. The clinic's clients come from all over the world, so all languages are needed, but there is a particular need for persons conversant in Amharic. A conversational level of proficiency is requested, and no prior interpretation/translation experience is needed. Client interviews generally last two hours. Interested law students should give their name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and foreign language to:

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For now, that is all. By the way, I'm still having trouble gauging whether

the juxtaposition of my column with the "Very Brady Sequel" review and the Washington Deli coupon in the last *Advo.*, er... *Nota Bene* increased my readership. Now had my column been adjacent to the Playboy Sex Survey story....

### Update from the Immigration Clinic:

The immigration Clinic started the new academic term with a victory on September 17, 1996, when immigration judge Joan V. Churchill granted the political asylum application of Lydia H., from Ethiopia. Ms. H. was represented by clinic student Julia M. Morgan.

Ms. H. entered the U.S. on September 15, 1990. She applied for political asylum from the I.N.S. in 1991, alleging past persecution on account of her religion but her application was denied. Yet her sister, who also sought political asylum alleging essentially the same facts, was granted asylum. Before the immigration judge, Ms. Morgan convinced the trial attorney that the two cases were similar, so he stipulated that Ms. H. was also entitled to asylum. Although, the parties stipulation was not binding on the judge, she did adopt it and granted the asylum application.

Ms. H. will have the status of asylee for one year, and will be entitled to employment authorization. If conditions in Ethiopia remain unchanged, on September 17, 1997, Ms. H. will become eligible to apply for lawful permanent residence in the U.S., the first step towards naturalization to U.S. citizenship.

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The Library will be offering a series of research seminars this semester. Please sign up for these sessions at the reference desk so that we can have enough handouts available for each student.

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Wednesday, Sept. 25  
10am-11:30am  
Burns 408

Researching Government Contracts Law:  
Wednesday, Sept. 25  
4:15-5:30pm  
Stockton 305

Researching Government Contracts Law:  
Thursday, Sept. 26  
8-9:30pm  
Stockton 301

Researching Environmental Statutes and Executive Orders:  
Thursday, Oct. 3  
3-4pm  
Lerner 301

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Thursday, Oct. 24  
3-4pm  
Lerner 301

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Beginning **Monday, September 30**, the Library will begin selling exam packets to students. Order forms for the exams will be available at the Circulation Desk. Exact change (cash or check) is required at the time the order is placed. Orders will be ready **after 3pm the day after the order is placed**. The Library provides this service at no additional cost to students. Students are charged the regular copying rate of \$.08/pg.

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#### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS/

#### LIBRARY SCHEDULE

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# Career Notes

## Come to Pro Bono Students America

By Warren Brown

Law students interested in public service experience may use Pro Bono Students America (PBSA) to supplement their job search. PBSA is a clearinghouse of organizations and government offices committed to the public interest cause. This program was designed by lawyers to assist law students access the world of experience available through public interest work.

A student may access job listings from any of the eight PBSA regions in the U.S. The George Washington University Law School joined PBSA in February, 1996 as a member of the Capitol States region. Many of the benefits of living in the nation's capitol are available through PBSA. A large number of the participating organizations develop policy, contribute to legislative efforts, and coordinate their national program. Internships with federal government agencies, District of Columbia Superior Judges, corporation counsel offices, state Attorneys General offices, non-profit organizations and private firms are included among the list of available opportunities. The job listings are updated on a monthly basis.

Taking advantage of PBSA is simple. All you need to do is make an appointment with Warren Brown, 2L for intake purposes. Together, you will complete a short questionnaire on what type of experience you are looking for and then he will FAX your resume to the top three organizations you select. Remember to bring your resume when you meet with Warren.

Appointments will last about twenty minutes. He's available during the following times: Tuesday 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.; Thursday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; and, Friday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you.

## NAPIL CAREER FAIR AND CONFERENCE

Don't miss the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL) Career Fair and Conference to be held at The American University in the Bender Arena. The Career Fair will take place on Friday, October 18th and the conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th. The NAPIL Career Fair is the only national public interest law career fair and it represents a unique opportunity for law students to meet with over 100 employers. The National Public Interest Conference is entitled "NAPIL: A Decade of Building Law Student Activism."

There is no fee for the Career Fair on Friday, October 18th. Over 100 employers will be at the Career Fair and many of the employers will hold pre-scheduled interviews for second and third year students. Resumes are due to the interviewing employers by Saturday, September 28th. You will be contacted directly by the employers to schedule an interview. Table Talk takes place in the afternoon of the Career Fair where employers will talk to students on an informational basis. First year students may attend panel sessions and Table Talk.

There is a charge for the conference

on Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th. The conference fee is \$40 for students if paid before October 4th. For more information about participating employers and the conference, please pick up a packet and a conference flyer in the Career Development Office Resource Library. Several members of the Equal Justice Foundation (EJF) and other students at the Law School have participated in the NAPIL Career Fair and Conference. Ask them questions about participation in previous years.

In Addition, Phil Fornaci, a GW Graduate and Director of NAPIL Equal Justice Fellowships, will be at the Law School on Thursday, September 19th at 5PM in H101 (The moot court room at 2000 G St., N.W., above the CDO), to discuss the NAPIL Career Fair and EJF Fellowships. Be there.

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## IMPORTANT CDO DATES AND DEADLINES

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INTERNATIONAL LLM ORIENTATION - October 11 at 2:15 location TBA. Orientation to Career Development Office Services and the US job search process.

PUBLIC INTEREST WEEK - Week of October 14th

EVENING EXPRESS - October 15 at 5:15 in S-305. For evening students--an overview of job search process and the Career Development Office services.

NAPIL CAREER FAIR AND CONFERENCE - Career Fair, Friday, October 18, 1996; Conference, Saturday & Sunday, October 19-20, 1996 at Bender Arena at The American University -- Deadline for submitting resumes to employers for interviews - Friday, September 27th.

GUERRILLA TACTICS FOR GETTING THE LEGAL JOB OF YOUR DREAMS author Kimm Alayne Walton - Tuesday, October 22, 1996 at 6pm

ALTERNATIVE CAREERS - Wednesday, October 30 at 4:10 in LL102. A panel of GW graduates who are currently working in government, non-profits, corporations and associations.



## STUDENT GROUPS CLAIM OFFICE SPACE IN MARVIN CENTER

By Peter Perkowski

After almost a year of work by of SBA Vice-President (Day) Robin Runge and her predecessor, law student groups finally began settling in last week to much needed office space in the Marvin Center.

Space in the University's student union was allocated to Law School student groups in 1995, but it lacked computers and telephones. The Marvin Center then abruptly moved the groups' stored materials to another area of the building. This lack of resources and permanency contributed to disuse on the part of law school student groups, to which the Marvin Center Governing Board reacted by threatening to take the space away from the Law School and give it to groups that would use it.

This year, however, Ms. Runge acquired four computers from the Law School and a laser printer from the SBA, and integrated the law school student groups into the Marvin Center Administration, all with the hopes of increasing the usage of the rooms by Law School students.

Last week's meeting of the Interclub Council (ICC), which was held in the new space, solidified the law school's claim to the space. "I've received assurances that this space will be Law School student group space indefinitely," Ms. Runge said. "And that's regardless of whether or not we use it much," she added. At the ICC meeting, representatives of law student groups were introduced to their new space and were welcomed by Marvin Center Special Projects Coordinator Lawrence McNamara.

The office space is important because the Law School is already in cramped quarters, making it difficult for groups to find meeting and storage space. In addition, being recognized student groups entitles the law student associations to the privileges of their undergrad counterparts, according to Mr. McNamara. Those privileges include the use of meeting space in the building, the use of audio-visual equipment provided by the Marvin Center, and the use of copy machines, fax, and other office equipment billable to groups' accounts.

In terms of square footage, however, the offices are not all that impressive. The twenty recognized law student groups are to share two rooms that are each smaller in size than the Burns Alcove, whereas most undergraduate groups have a room of their own, or at the most share a room with one or two other groups.

Law student groups consequently share four desks, six file cabinets, four computers, one printer, two typewriters and four telephones. New carpeting and modular furniture is scheduled to be installed in November in all student group offices.

The room and phone assignments of the law student groups follow:

### Room 416

#### Group Phone

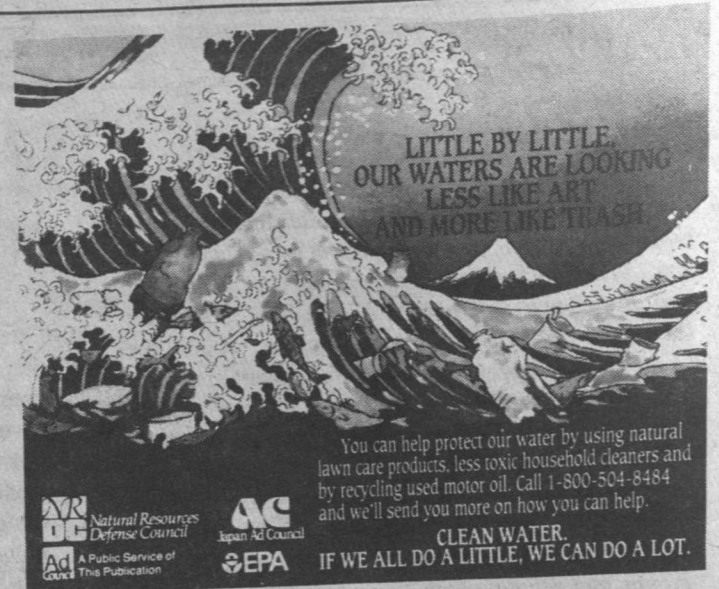
Environmental Law Assn. 994-2033  
Hispanic Law Student Assn. 994-2033  
Jewish Law Student Assn. 994-2033  
Christian Legal Society 994-2033  
International Law Society 994-2033  
Evening Law Students Assn. 994-3986  
Federalist Society 994-3986

Law Association for Women 994-3986  
Student Intellectual Property Law Assn. 994-3986  
Law School Democrats 994-3986

### Room 418

#### Group Phone

Amnesty International Legal Support Network  
994-7533  
Equal Justice Foundation 994-7533  
Republican Student Lawyer Assn. 994-7533  
Entertainment & Sports Law Society 994-7533  
Asian Pacific American Law Student Assn.  
994-7533  
Black Law Student Assn. 994-3023  
Phi Alpha Delta 994-3023  
Phi Delta Phi 994-3023  
Student Health Law Assn. 994-3023  
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## LAW SCHOOL WIRED

By M. Conrad Wasmer

The Law School's ramp to the information super-highway has been cleared for travel by all faculty and staff. While students have enjoyed access to the Internet, including e-mail and the World Wide Web (Web), since the fall of 1995 via the computer training room in the library, major upgrades to the Law School's computer systems have finally given the faculty and staff similar access. Beginning in the spring of this year, the Law School's Computer Center installed 125 new Pentium computers, and over 200 pre-used computers, including 386 MHz and 486 MHz models. While most of the new computers went to faculty and staff, many student groups and organizations, including the Community Legal Clinics, benefited from the upgrades as well. In many circumstances, as in the student work-stations at the Clinics, these upgrades mark the first time their computers are capable of running more high-powered and full-featured software applications which require Microsoft's Windows.

With the improved systems, Professors' access to e-mail offers greatly enhanced opportunities for discussion among students and Professors. Professor Steinhardt, with the help of the Computer Center, set up a "listserv," which enables students of his International Law class to subscribe to an e-mail list, to which they may post questions, answers, or simply read those posted by others. "It's kind of like having a study group of 200, instead of six students," Professor Steinhardt said.

He can monitor the topics of discussion, like any other subscriber to the list and respond when he sees a need or wants to. "I can chime in, but as a 'student,' not as the 'professor' of the course." He likes to think of it as "an attempt to bring a little anarchy to the class."

Professor Burlette Carter has used the Internet access to allow her class to communicate with students of Civil Procedure at other institutions. She engaged in correspondence with a student who represented a Civil Procedure class at Washburn University and they debated whether e-mail could establish minimum contacts for personal jurisdiction, according to the *International Shoe* case. "We sent them a memo and they responded to it and commented on it," she said. "The ability to search other school's libraries, like Harvard, and the Library of Congress, is fantastic," she said.

Professor Carter and others can now use faster and more sophisticated software to compile and search through large amounts of information with relative ease. She said the systems are "definitely a substantial improvement," and they should enhance the Law School professors' scholarship.

However, the installation of the new systems has not been without complaints. Many without experience using Windows or Windows-based applications like WordPerfect 6.1 have been faced with a steep learning-curve. Dave Foss, a secretary working on Burns third floor, has encountered some difficulties. "You get used to knowing how to do things as second-nature, [but] the mouse is totally different." He said that the conversion of a document from an older to new version of software has resulted in the loss of a great deal of formatting. For example, all the numbering of footnotes occasionally have been erased, "and you can't go back and put them in - it won't let you!"

## COMPUTER NEWS

### "Life On the Web"

By Andrea Chempinski

The World Wide Web is the fastest growing medium for self-expression in today's society. The Web is used for everything from political forums and business advertising to personal biographies and unusual amusements. This column is going to be devoted to that new medium and all the wild and crazy - even to serious things that can be found there. I hope to cover a wide range of web sites; from those that have a timely relevance to our lives to those that are just out there for the fun of it. In that spirit, let us start with the fun stuff.

Everyone needs a little fun and good humor in their lives, no matter if they are law students, lawyers or just the average person-on-the-street. Go on, take a break from Westlaw, close down that Lexis window and hit the web to check out some of the more amusing things that people have devoted web time too.

It happens to everyone. You have two feet, you wear two socks. You know that you put two socks in the laundry but somehow you always come back one short. Have you ever wondered just what happened to that extra sock? Was it eaten by the dryer? Or did the washer need a late night snack. If you've always wanted the answer to that little mystery of life be sure to check out The House Of Socks.

[http://www.caprica.com/~jmares/house\\_of\\_socks.html](http://www.caprica.com/~jmares/house_of_socks.html)

Do you believe in fortune telling? Can tarot cards really tell the future? Do you want to know if you'll end up a rich and successful lawyer? Or maybe you just want to know if you'll survive the first year intact. Either way come get your Tarot Cards read at:

<http://www.Facade.Com/Occult/tarot/>

You thought interactive technology would never amount to anything. Would you be willing to believe that people have gone to the trouble of wiring some machines to the Web? This site will allow you to see everything from a live shot of the inside of someone's fridge to the number of Coke and Diet Coke cans left in various machines across the country. And if you're looking for coffee there's even a coffeepot on the web.

<http://www.chaco.com/useless/useless/machines.html>

Ever wonder what happened to the toys of our childhood? Well some people, instead of packing them away as treasured memories or donating them to the local flea market actually brought them on the web. At these sites you can put together your own Mr. Potato and even make your own Lite-Brite picture. The Lite-Brite site even offers a hall of fame for those of exceptional talent

<http://winnie.acsu.buffalo.edu/potato/> (sic)

<http://asylum.cid.com/lb/lb.html>

Need to learn just one more useless thing to astound your friends with? Well here's the perfect thing - "speaking" via signal flags or semaphores. (For those without the nautical know how signal flags are various colored flags representing different letters and semaphores are the "spoken" using two red and yellow flags, in various positions to indicate letters). So hop on over and plug in your name or a word or two and then practice, practice, practice.

<http://www.nav.com/ports/game.htm>

And you thought that Shakespearean English was

no fun. Well like any type of "foreign" language the thing people always want to learn how to do first is insult people. So if you're up for learning the latest way to do that just check out this random Shakespearean insult generator.

<http://www.nova.edu/Inter-Links/cgi-bin/bard.pl>

Looking for something completely random? Well that to is out there. Come Take A Shot at this random page generator.

<http://www.feist.com/dodge/>

Do you have a web page that you think others would find interesting? Or did you just stumble across something so strange it just had to be shared? Either way feel free to drop me a line at [hooloo@crl.com](mailto:hooloo@crl.com) and give me your suggestions for future columns. And heck if you really have that much time to kill surf on over to my page at <http://www.crl.com/~hooloo/>

### NEW WEB SERVER OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO POST WEB PAGES

By M. Conrad Wasmer

The Law School's Computer Center has installed of a new server which supports the Career Development Office's on-line jobs postings. Mike Briggs, a System Specialist at the Computer Center, wrote the program which extracts the information from the CDO and makes it available to Web browsers. "I wrote [the program] in about a day - it wasn't that hard," he said.

While individual students may create and post Web pages through their GWIS accounts, Mr. Briggs expressed the hope that student groups may be able to post their Web pages on the Law School's servers, and that he would like to make himself available to help groups accomplish that task.

However, before designing a Web page and trying to post it, student groups at the Law School should prepare for a trip through the labyrinth. The Law School has not yet established a formal procedure for student groups who want to post a web page on the server. At the very least, a group should contact Briggs, who can give students the access they need to post a Web page on the server. A group also will probably have to talk to Gina Harris, the Director of Academic Publications and Special Projects who also served as the Law School's representative on the University's Advisory Council on Promotional Communication. She will check the page for its content.

Though the Law School has not yet adopted a policy regarding the content of web pages, according to Ms. Harris, it will likely adopt the same policy of the University. The proposed guidelines that the Advisory Council submitted to the University administration has not yet been acted upon.

"Our biggest concern is for accuracy," said Ms. Harris. She wants to keep consistent the names by which these pages refer to the University and the Law School, and keep accurate any reference to academic matters, like course numbers and credits that can be earned. Ms. Harris says she wants to have as little policy as possible. "The last thing we want to do is stand in the way of students and [student] groups," said Ms. Harris.

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# SPORTS and the LAW

By Dennis W. Bishop, Esq. & Bret M. Kanis, Esq.

## NFL's Blackout Policy Leaves Fans in the Dark; Restricted Roenick in NHL Free Agent Limbo

**NFL Fans in the Dark.** It's Sunday afternoon and you flip on the TV to watch your local football team play. Instead of bone-crunching hits and touchdown dances, Tom Hanks and Shelley Long are on your TV screen fixing up their dilapidated house in the movie "The Money Pit". Much to your dismay, the game has been "blackout".

Such is life for football fans who live in cities where NFL teams do not sell out their home games. Under the NFL's "blackout" rule, the live local television (but not radio) broadcast of a team's home football game in the team's territory is prohibited if the game is not sold out within 72 hours of game time unless the participating teams agree to lift the blackout. A team's home territory consists of the city in which the team plays its home games and the 75-mile radius surrounding the city. The purpose of the blackout rule is to encourage ticket sales. The theory is that by not allowing the game to be seen on television until it is sold out, fans will be forced to attend games.

The ability to blackout home games derives from the Sports Broadcasting Act of 1961 (SBA). Prior to that Act, each team sold the rights to its games individually to local television stations. Unfortunately for fans, in order to protect ticket sales, teams rarely sold the rights to home games, which had the same effect as blacking out the game.

In 1960, Pete Rozelle, the Commissioner of the NFL, entered into the NFL's first league-wide television contract. However, the terms of the contract were held to violate a prior antitrust decree set forth in a 1953 case, *United States v. National Football League*. Thus, Rozelle went to Congress and persuaded them to pass the Sports Broadcasting Act. Under section 1291 of the SBA, professional football, baseball, basketball and hockey leagues are permitted to enter into joint agreements to sell the sponsored telecast rights of their individual member clubs without regard to the antitrust laws.

Thus, the NFL was able to enter into its first league-wide television contract. The right to televise teams' home games was sold as part of this contract. Accordingly, it became necessary to blackout home games in order to maintain attendance at these games.

Although section 1291 gives the leagues the ability to enter into league-wide contracts without being subject to the antitrust laws, it does not give them the right to blackout games. The ability to blackout games is given in section 1292 of the SBA. That section states that with the exception of the home territory of a team when the team is playing a

home game, the antitrust laws apply to any league-wide contract that restricts the person to whom the rights are sold from broadcasting any games in any area.

Thus, the NFL can properly blackout the broadcast of teams' home games without being subject to the antitrust laws. The rationale behind allowing teams to blackout home games was set forth in *U.S. vs. National Football League* when Justice Grim opined that it has been proven that attendance at home games is adversely affected by the telecasting of a home game into a home territory. However, Grim continued that when the home team is playing away, the home team's attendance need not be protected. As a result, away games may not be legally blacked out.

This controversial NFL blackout policy has been the subject of much litigation over the years. In an 1962 case, *Blaich v. National Football League*, the NFL blackout policy withstood an

antitrust challenge from fans when a district court held that the policy applied not only to regular season home games, but also to playoff and championship home games.

In 1995, the U.S. Court of Appeals (6th Circuit) upheld a district court decision that the NFL blackout policy did not violate the Americans with Disabilities Act. The court found that the policy did not discriminate against hearing-impaired individuals despite the fact that they were unable to take advantage of the radio broadcasts of blacked out games.

In August, the NFL settled lawsuits against a number of bars in Buffalo and the 75-mile radius surrounding Buffalo. These bars utilized satellites to broadcast Bills' games in violation of the blackout policy. As the NFL has never lost a case in attempting to enforce its blackout policy and the policy has seemingly withstood all varieties of legal challenges, it appears that fans living in cities where home games do not sell out will, sadly, remain in the dark.

**Restricted Roenick Remains a Holdout.** Four-time NHL All-Star Jeremy Roenick is learning the hard way that the National Hockey League's free agency rules are nowhere near as amenable to player mobility as are those of the unrestricted free agent world of the National Basketball League. Following an August 16 trade between the Chicago Blackhawks and the Phoenix Coyotes, formerly the Winnipeg Jets, Roenick's rights currently belong to Phoenix, the NHL's newest franchise. In that deal, the Blackhawks received center Alexei Zhamnov, right-wing prospect Craig Mills and a 1997 first-round draft pick in exchange for the high-scoring former Chicago center.

When Roenick's contract with the Chicago Blackhawks expired at the end of the 1995-96 NHL season, Roenick became a Group II or restricted free agent. As such, the team which controls Roenick's rights (currently the Phoenix Coyotes) has two options in the event that Roenick signs an offer sheet with another club. First, the Coyotes could retain Roenick's services by matching the other teams offer. In the alternative, Phoenix could accept five first-round draft picks from the other team as compensation for its loss.

Under the terms of the new NHL collective bargaining agreement, signed prior to the lockout-shortened 1994-95 season, an NHL player does not become an unrestricted free agent until he reaches age 32. At age 26, Roenick can only envy his professional basketball counterparts. That is because in the NBA all free agents are unrestricted.

Rumored to be seeking a contract that would compensate him in the vicinity of \$4.5 to \$5 million a year, Roenick is lukewarm at best about staying in Phoenix. Speculation is that Roenick's refusal to ink a contract with the Coyotes is fueled by his desire to force the fledgling Phoenix franchise into another trade. An east coast native, Roenick appears to have made it a priority to play in a location more desirable to him. To that end, Roenick's Boston-based agent, Neil Abbott, has explored options with numerous teams including the St. Louis Blues, Washington Capitals, New York Islanders, New Jersey Devils and Hartford Whalers.

Although Abbott has recently been quoted as saying, "We are nowhere at this point," in reference to contract talks with the Coyotes, Phoenix management remains optimistic that the stalemate will eventually be broken. Co-owner Richard Burke insists, "We're just waiting, and we're in a good position to wait." Team President Booby Smith added, "Having paid what we did to get him, there's no question we will match any offer...we didn't make the trade to get five first-round picks."

Accordingly, it seems highly unlikely that Roenick will play for any team other than the Coyotes this season. In the meantime, Roenick did not play on this past summer's World Cup champion USA team as Abbott advised the normally enthusiastic nationalist Roenick against such participation in the absence of a signed contract with an NHL team.

**In a Nutshell...** Sports "super-agent" Leigh Steinberg who recently added Olympic gymnast Kerri Strug to his already impressive list of clients including many of the NFL's top quarterbacks, was recently arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol in Newport Beach, California. Following his arrest, Steinberg issued a public apology stating, "I did not act as a role model should... I consumed alcohol and proceeded to drive home."

**Mike Tyson** earned \$15 million for his knockout of Bruce Seldon at Las Vegas' MGM Grand on September 7 just 109 seconds into round one. Rumored to have taken a dive as part of a "fix", Tyson's opponent, former WBA heavyweight champion Bruce Seldon pocketed a cool \$5 million as part of a guaranteed purse deal.

Mike Tyson's former trainer, Kevin Rooney, is seeking \$10-\$49 million in damages from the heavyweight champion for breach of contract. Rooney alleges that Tyson's former mentor, Cus D'Amato, promised him 10% of Tyson's winnings for as long as Tyson fought. Tyson, who was a minor at age 16 when this promise was allegedly made, labeled Rooney's story as "ridiculous." The case is being heard in U.S. District Court in Albany, New York.

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## MORE COMPUTER NEWS

### STUDENTS COMPLAIN ABOUT COMPUTERS

By M. Conrad Wasmer

Amidst the din of the new hard drives whirring on the professors' desks, the low murmur of student complaints persist. While the faculty and staff enjoy point-and-click access to the Internet from atop their desks, students often find themselves waiting in line for one of the twenty-eight computers in the Computer Training Room in the Burns Library. "I've never waited more than five or ten minutes," said Liz Braman (1L) as she sat down to check her e-mail. "It's not a big deal [to wait in line]."

Scott Pagel, Director of the Jacob Burns Law Library, retains a quiet hope that the Law School will provide funding to replace the eighteen Westlaw and Lexis stations with PC's, and equip them with software similar to that on the machines across the hall, in the Computer Training Room. Other than those computers, there are seventeen laptops available for students to borrow. Six of them are new, Pentium-powered computers and three of them are Apple Powerbooks, with a fourth one on the way.

Acknowledging that the total of forty-five personal computers available is clearly insufficient for the 1800 law students (about 300 are LL.M.'s), Mr. Pagel pointed to the efforts to make the library more accessible to laptop users. New outlets have been installed next to the carrels on stack levels 1, 2, and 3, as well as on the tables on second floor Burns. And those were installed with space for an ethernet cable, which would enable laptop users with ethernet capabilities to hook into the Law School's network, much like the computers are networked in the Computer Training Room.

Another common complaint from law students is the cost of laser-printing. While other schools within the University have arranged to provide free printing to students, the Law School maintains one of the only University facilities which charges for laser-printing. Mr. Pagel finds himself constrained by the lack of funding and inability to access the computer lab fees collected by the University from each tuition-paying student.

"If we [tapped into those funds], we would have to open [our computer room] to everyone, and we want to keep it for

law students only," Mr. Pagel said. He explained that, "the printing and photocopying services have to pay for themselves." While the Statistics Department, the Medical Center, and Journalism School all provide students with cost-free laser printing, the Law School has opted against funding these costs.

The eight cents per page that students must pay for the laser printers is an appropriate deterrent, according to Doug Luftman (3L). He said that they should not be used for drafts. "For a final print, you want good quality," and overuse of the printers reduces the quality of the printed pages. In addition, providing free printing encourages waste. Brad Reese, Director of the University's Computer Information and Resource Center (CIRC), which maintains the computer labs that are available to all students within the University, said that last year he spent over \$28,000 on toner cartridges alone. "These printers are used constantly," he said.

"It can be sad walking by one of the printers and seeing the piles and piles of paper people haven't even looked at." Like a car warranty good for a number of miles and/or a number of years, printers are often covered by a number of pages printed or 12 months. "We usually expire our warranty on new printers within a month," Reese said.

Given the reputation of law students as print-hogs, a switch to free laser printing is not likely. According to Mr. Pagel, a couple of law students were kicked out of CIRC's labs last year for abusing the printing privileges. He said that other options are being considered, however, including an adaptation to student ID's that would provide for a number of free or pre-paid prints, or software counters that would permit a certain amount of printing for each student.

#### LIBRARY OFFERS COMPUTER TRAINING SEMINARS

Many students find that they are simply unfamiliar with how to use the computer systems, especially using the Windows platform and accessing the Internet. This lack of familiarity is being addressed by stepped-up training seminars that will be available throughout the semester.

Richard Dennis, the Library's Computer Services Librarian, is currently offering basic, intermediate, and advanced training in the Computer Training Room. Please contact Richard Dennis And he has plans to conduct sessions on accessing the GWIS system from home computers using a modem, and a session, specially requested by international students, on WordPerfect for Windows. s for more information.

## UNCOMMON INSIGHTS

By Peter Perkowski

Special to *Nota Bene*

New feature! Watch *UI* each week to catch the trends. See whose star is rising, whose barometer is falling, and who's generally holding steady. This week: GWU edition.

♣SJ Tractenburg

Bronze hippo gets landscaped; Law School gets the usual (nothin').

♣Burns Library

Gets sleek new look, new furniture, quieter space. *UI* loves facility improvements.

♣GWU

Colonials are named No. 46 on "best schools" list; follows-up with No. 2 "party school" ranking.

♣Pat Choate

GW prof named Reform Party VP candidate. *UI* wants to see him debate, but won't get the chance.

♣Marvin Center

MC Gov. Board crams 20 law student groups in space meant for two or so, expects thanks.

♣SBA Prez, Day VP

*UI* buys the explanation on ABA trip, but can't appreciate the element of surprise. Could'a been handled better, no?

♣SBA Board

*UI* thinks you doth protest just enough before approving ABA reimbursements. That won't happen again!

♣James Carville

Great speech, but the outfit?!

♣Student drivers

It's you versus the city. They can't take away your parking without making *UI* mad.

♣CDO

OK job on FIP, but non-participating students get left out in the cold. You can do better.

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Golden State Warriors forward Joe Smith was recently cleared of a malicious wounding charge by a Virginia judge. The charge stemmed from a bar incident during which Smith was alleged to have struck a male dancer with a beer bottle...Dallas Cowboys cornerback/receiver Deion Sanders is being sued for divorce by his wife, Carolyn, who has accused "Neon" of "cruel treatment" and "adultery". In a confusing twist, Sanders claims he was not yet married to Carolyn at the time of the alleged adultery.

**Sports Tort's: Irvin Headed Back to Court.** The North Texas Toyota Dealers Association has sued Dallas Cowboys star receiver Michael Irvin for \$1.4 million and required Irvin to return the Toyota Land Cruiser that had been provided to him as part of his endorsement contract. The basis for the suit is that Irvin misrepresented himself as a moral person by failing to disclose his involvement with drugs and frequenting of strip joints when he signed the endorsement contract. As a result of Irvin being arrested for drug possession while in a hotel room with strippers, Irvin is no longer viewed by the car dealers association as a proper spokesman. Thus, the Association was forced to cancel its ad campaign. The Association's damages are based on lost sales and production costs.

**No Respect.** The Miami Dolphins were heavily criticized for showing disrespect to the late Joe Robbie, the founder of the Dolphins and the builder of the stadium, when they changed the name of Joe Robbie Stadium to Pro Player Park as part of an endorsement deal with Pro Player, Inc. As a result, Pro Player, Inc. has agreed to have the stadium renamed Pro Player Stadium. The rationale stated by Doug Kelly, the president of Pro Player, Inc., is that by utilizing the word "Stadium", which was part of the original name of the venue, it brought some of the tradition back. Come again, Doug? Why don't we just change the name of Pro Player, Inc. to Nike, Inc....By the way, the reason we're keeping Inc., rather than switching to Nike Co., is to keep the tradition of Pro Player alive!



## In Response to ABA, University Promises to Take Smaller Percentage of Law School Revenues

By H. Otis Bilodeau

Associate News Editor

*Editor's Note: Due to a technical error, this article was misprinted when it first appeared last spring. We reprint it now in its entirety.*

George Washington University last March formally committed itself to taking a reduced percentage of the revenues generated by the Law School, according to Dean Friedenthal. Citing a March 15th letter from the University to the ABA, the Dean explained that the University has promised to allow the Law School to annually increase its percentage of retained revenues until 2003. The increases will begin this year, according to the "Revised Plan" for revenue retention agreed to by the University.

By 2003, the Dean said, the Law School will keep "about seventy-four percent" of its revenues. The Dean did not specify the current percentage of retained revenues, but an article in the November, 1995 issue of the George Washington University Magazine quotes him as saying that the Law School currently retains "less than two thirds" of its revenues.

The University's letter to the ABA was written in response to concerns raised by the ABA's reaccreditation committee regarding the amount of Law School revenues shifted into University coffers. According to the Dean, the letter, and the University's commitment to let the law school keep more of its revenues, should assuage the ABA's concerns. "After the ABA inspection and initial report, the University was called upon to respond," the Dean related. "The University realized it was behind, and has made substantial concessions."

The University's concessions initially took the form of specific dollar amounts rather than increased percentages of revenues. "The University initially said it would give the law school more money. Now it has committed to a certain percentage instead of a fixed dollar amount," Friedenthal said. "The University may have perceived same advantage [in shifting to from dollar amounts to percentages]. Now [the University] won't get stuck."

The "Revised Plan" for Law School revenue retention -- a copy of which was obtained by Nota Bene -- does appear to shield the University somewhat from the possibility of getting "stuck." According to the plan, which projects law school revenues and expenditures from 1996 through 2003, the percentage of revenues retained by

the Law School increases, but so does tuition: at a rate of four percent per year. Because tuition increases steadily, the percentage of that tuition retained by the law school can also increase without significantly reducing the dollar amount taken by the University. Thus, in 1996, the Law School will retain about sixty-five percent of its revenues, and the University will receive the remaining \$11,983,000. In 2003, when the Law School is slated to keep about seventy-four percent of its revenues, the University will get \$11,910,000.

The tuition increases assumed by the "Revised Plan" are not fixed, according to the Dean. On the contrary, he insisted, tuition remains negotiable, and somewhat within his control, while the increased percentages of retained revenue detailed in the plan are not open to debate. "The University is absolutely committed to those percentages," he emphasized.

Professor Craver, who has been outspoken on the subject of the ABA's criticisms of the Law School, expressed ambivalence about the University's commitment under the Revised Plan. "I think if we're going to make significant improvement [at the Law School], we also have to reduce the [actual dollar amount taken by the University]," he said, noting that under the Revised Plan, that amount remains constant even as the Law School's percentage of retained revenue increases. "It's not fair to make students pay more and more when so many have so much debt."

Professor Craver also stressed another concern. "The thing that makes me very nervous about [the Revised Plan] is: who monitors it? Shouldn't there be some public accounting of this money? There should be something that goes to the faculty, at a minimum, but even some kind of general information for the students. I mean, you're investing \$21,500. If you were buying stock you'd get more information."

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## Commentary

### OYEZ, OYEZ

by Peter Perkowski

Special to Nota Bene

For the uninitiated among us, "oyez" means "Hear ye," or under modern translation, "Listen up!" And that, I have to admit, is a weird title for a column, but when I searched for a comparable Old English word meaning "Read ye" I couldn't find one. So we'll make do.

The title should give you an idea about this column and its purpose: to seek out and report on controversial issues of importance to the law school community. Topics will vary from new and interesting legal issues, politics, GWU and the law school, the antics of those Congresscritters up there on the Hill, to general spouting off at the mouth. I will locate the salient issues of the day and deliver them to you in scintillating commentary. Ready? Well, listen up.

Today's topic is the SBA. Elections for first year representatives will be held Monday, September 30, and not a moment too soon. This organization needs new blood, although I'm afraid of what might happen by throwing 6 new Board members into a group that already can't make it through an agenda in less than two hours. I recently attended a meeting of the SBA and was appalled by the way the organization was run. Actually, the term "organization" is a misnomer in this context.

Perhaps I'm being too harsh. Running a meeting with 30 people who all have something to say is difficult. But that's why Robert has some Rules of Order. Parliamentary procedure is intended to keep a meeting running smoothly and, oddly enough, orderly. If the presiding officer can't do it, a parliamentarian should be appointed. After last year's budget fracas, such a move was promised, but just like in that ketchup commercial, anticipation is making us wait.

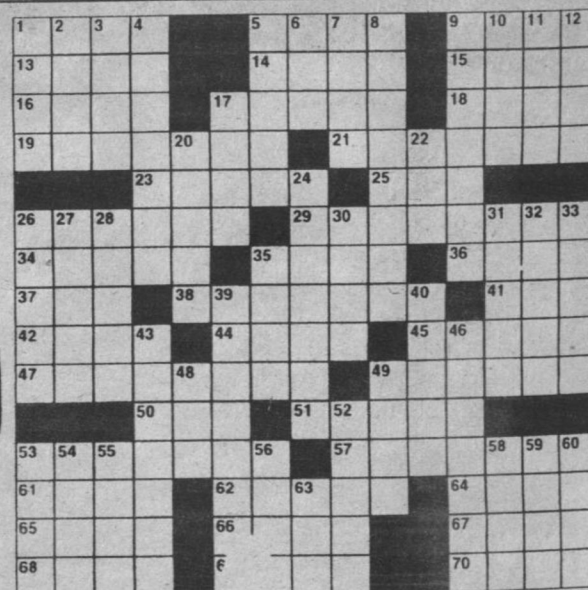
Of course, maybe it's none of my business; no one is forcing me to attend the meetings. But because all students are constituents of the SBA, meetings are open to those who care to attend. Plus, I'm sure Board members wouldn't mind if the meetings went by a little quicker.

One thing that *is* my business, however, is my representation on the SBA Board. As a 2L, I am represented by student Representatives who were elected late last year. Recently, however, that representation changed, and the only notification of the change was a brief mention in the SBA Meeting Minutes that were posted on the bulletin board.

When one of the 2L Reps became a night student and thus became unable to retain his seat, the Board voted to replace him. I haven't checked, but I'm sure that the SBA was operating entirely within its by-laws. But that doesn't make me like it any more. The seat was filled without any input from the 2L class, without a call for candidates, and no special election is planned. Furthermore, it's not clear that the SBA ever intended to notify the affected students of this change.

I am not calling into question the ability of the replacement to do a great job (after all, he has experience), and many 2L's probably don't even care who their Reps are (or aren't). But does this action call into question SBA's status as a representative body? With 1L elections coming up, it's time for the SBA to clarify if elections are truly meaningful or if they're mere formalities.

## THE Crossword



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## Faculty Profile: Larry Cunningham

By Brian Coleman  
Features Editor

No, its not an actor, dramatizing a scene from MacBeth. Its Larry Cunningham, teaching his corporations class.

"Its like watching a Shakespeare play," says one student of Prof. Cunningham's energized classroom antics. "He really acts things out. It was kind of annoying at first; I just wanted him to get to the point. But now, I really like how he puts his all into a class. Its refreshing to watch that." Agrees another student, "He really puts his heart and soul into his teaching."

Prof. Cunningham is a Visiting Associate Professor from Cardozo Law School, set for a one-year term at GW Law School. He describes his teaching goal as to "fully engage every legal skill the students are developing." To that end, he calls on students randomly and engages in the classical Socratic method -- but he says he takes pains to make the classroom experience stimulating and positive. He deems grading a "necessary evil," often accorded disproportionate attention by students who, per-

haps, might be wiser to focus their concerns on internal intellectual maturation and self-reflection.

Prof. Cunningham was born the youngest of five children in Wilmington, Delaware. His desire to teach stems from his experience at his boarding school, Girard College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Inspired by the founder's self-growth educational ethic, he began undergraduate studies at the University of Delaware as the first member of his family to attend college. He then enrolled in law school at Cardozo, where his writing career began. In addition to his research note for law review, he collaborated with a Cardozo professor on a law review article.

His career then took him to the prestigious New York firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, where he worked as an associate for four years. Though he continued to write concurrently with his practice, the teaching bug brought him to Cardozo in 1992, where he taught in the subjects of contracts, corporations, corporate finance, and accounting.

During his years at Cardozo, he had the opportunity to interact with several members of the GW Law School faculty, such as Larry Mitchell and Lou Solomon. A 1993 article in the George Washington Law Review entitled "Chaos Theory and Corporate Law" earned Prof.

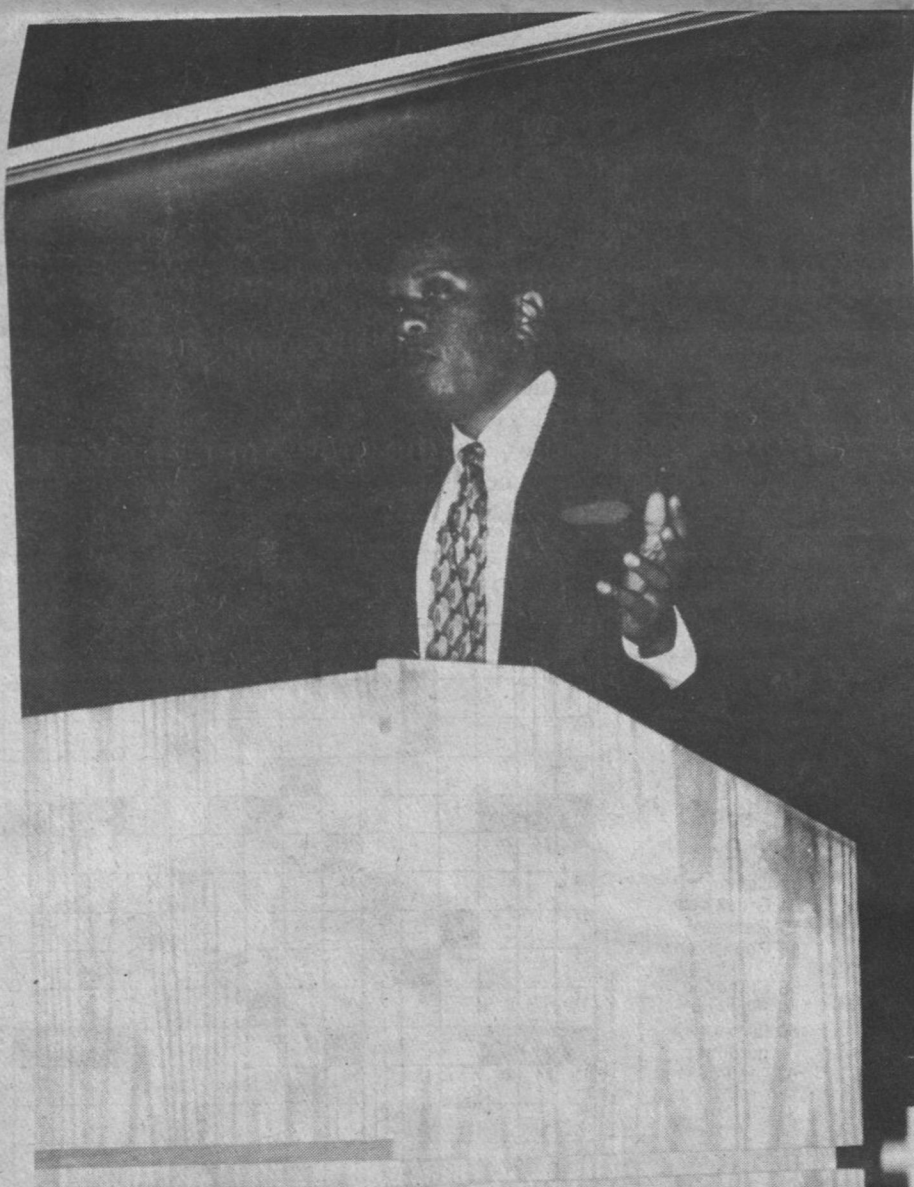
Cunningham particular prestige. Indeed, professors Mitchell and Solomon recruited Cunningham to co-author their casebook on corporate finance. Prof. Cunningham's favorable impression of the GW Law faculty led him to accept his present position as a Visiting Associate Professor.

Thus far, Prof. Cunningham has been impressed with diverse interests and intellectual caliber of the faculty and students at GW Law. In his corporations class, he has found the students to be quite well prepared. Next semester he will teach seminars in Law and Accounting, Advanced Corporate Law, and Advanced Contract Law.

Besides classroom teaching, Prof. Cunningham is presently authoring a law review article and an accounting textbook, and is also organizing a corporate law conference involving both GW and Cardozo. When outside academia entirely, Prof. Cunningham is an avid runner, bicyclist, golfer and windsurfer. A dynamic lecturer and enthusiastic writer, Prof. Cunningham also enjoys interacting with students, and he welcomes the opportunity to meet with students outside the classroom setting.



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# SPOTLIGHT



## "Blues For an Alabama Sky":

Hope and Despair in Harlem

By Ted Durley

According to the evening's program, *Blues For an Alabama Sky* is "a passionate hymn to the rapture and rage of the Harlem Renaissance." That it is. But it is also, as one character puts it, about seeing "hope in babies' faces" and seeing that hope die in somebody else's face.

Arena Stage's 1996-97 season has opened with a powerful performance by a superb ensemble of actors, headlined by Phylicia Rashad (of "The Cosby Show" fame) who plays the hopeful diva Angel Allen. With effortless fluidity, *Blues* tunes the audience to the passionate waves of hope and despair of all the characters.

Although the story is supposed to follow the highs and lows of Angel, the play comes together and is brought to life mostly by the community of five characters during the end of the Harlem Renaissance and the onset of The Great Depression. Ms. Cleage, who attained national recognition for her 1994 play *Flyin' West*, has produced a soulful work sure to leave audiences singing the blues.

In the opening scene, Angel is brought home drunk by her lifelong homosexual friend and nightclub dress-designer Guy Jacobs, played with hilarious, but tempered, wit and elitist charm by newcomer Mark Young. Somewhere on the way a handsome stranger with a southern accent helps them home. It seems that Angel, while in a drunken stupor, has managed to lose her job as a singer in her old boyfriend's nightclub and in the process of defending her, Guy loses his designer job as well.

While uncertain as to how they will pay the rent, both are hopeful of a better future: Guy dreams of setting sail for Paris to work as the chief designer for Josephine Baker (to whom he has been sending sample dresses), while Angel is courted by the conservative gentleman caller from Alabama, a carpenter who appears before her and promises her a bright future, as bright as the stars over an Alabama sky.

The story is complemented by the duo of Sam Thomas, a Harlem doctor

who is known as much by his feverish nightlife as by his record delivery of eleven babies in two days, and Guy's neighbor, Delia Patterson, a secretary bent on establishing the first family planning clinic in Harlem and Sam's love interest.

The backdrop of the play is the Harlem of the 1930s. Almost 250,000 African-Americans had moved to Harlem during those times and while the social problems were evident, Renaissance leaders, the so-called "Niggerati," aspired not to present the plight of the people, but to reach the classic European culture of beauty and civilization. Thus, it is reasonable to conceive the myriad of "liberal" characters in Cleage's play and what they stand for: Guy, the French-speaking homosexual and proponent of haute-couture who dismisses the "Negros of the street"; Sam, the liberal doctor whose motto was "Let the good times roll" and whose answer to whether he should judge homosexuals is "Hey, I'm not God"; and Delia, the feminist voice for stopping the cycle of poverty and failed black families through family planning and professional development.

Rashad's performance is first-class, although she may seem a little tired. (That's understandable considering she is shooting the new sitcom with Bill Cosby and performing eight times a week.) Although Angel is presented to us as an angel out of luck, her reality is more morbid, more like a fallen angel. She would do anything to get what she wants, even if it means marrying a man she does not love. Although all of the characters have dreams and hopes that are shared and supported by others, Angel loses hope in Guy and his dream to reach Paris someday with her as his companion. This void of hope unfolds into a dramatic ending.

Guy, on the other hand, is the pendulum of hope and the comic relief amidst the despair of the times. Young's performance is appealing because he never gives up his dream or identity and because every situation, no matter how dire, calls for the uncorking of a bottle of champagne. He's also the best dressed character of all, with the smartest tongue.

*Blues* offers an unforgettable night of acting. The characters bounce off each other with such natural grace that the play hardly feels scripted. The dialogue is both engaging and provocative, so much that invariably audiences will respond to the actors' words. (In one scene, Angel asks Alabama if he is

going to be her "lucky charm." His response: "I'm going to be your man." Audience response: "Uh-Hu!") *Blues* is a unique and moving theatrical experience.

*Blues for an Alabama Sky* is playing at Arena Stage through November 3. Discounted tickets are available for students. For tickets you may call (202) 488-3300.

## GIVE PEE A CHANCE

By H. David Starr

Special to Nota Bene

Pee Shy

Who let all the monkeys out?

Mercury Records

Since you already bought the new R.E.M., I decided to review an artist who gets considerably less exposure. The debut from the N.Y.C. four piece, Pee Shy. I had the chance to this band at the Indie Flea Market in August and I was very impressed. One part *They Might Be Giants*, one part *Breeders*, one part beat poetry, and one part Broadway, Pee Shy delivers a unique brand of "alternative" music that puts some meaning back into that overused label.

Since nobody is quite sure what "alternative" music is any more (alternative to what?), I'll try to explain just what is "alternative" about this band. First of all, their virtually guitar-less line-up is far from the standard fare. Pee Shy gives the accordion, piano, and clarinet an almost unheard-of prominence all the while maintaining a pop sensibility. Like the *Breeders*, the band is fronted by two women who harmonize quite often. Cindy Wheeler handles most of the lyrical and vocal styling while playing a mean accordion. Jenny Juristo also sings, plays a little of everything (clarinet, bass clarinet, keyboards, piano, acoustic guitar and accordion), and her three lyrical contributions happen to be the stand out tracks on the album. Unlike the *Breeders*, Cindy and Jenny's voices are less raspy and more technically sound. Closer to Juliana Hatfield harmonizing with Sarah McLachlan. Filling out the rhythm section, Mary Guidera handles the bass and Bil Bowman lends a light touch on the drums.

The TMBG comparison comes to mind mostly because they have some tunes with really goofy lyrics and lots of accordion, best exemplified by two

great catchy numbers about alien abduction/impregnation (Jason, I thought I saw a U.F.O.) and adult lust for high-school boys (little dudes). Of course Cindy and Jenny have quite a different perspective than John and John's. "Little Dudes" is particularly endearing, and not just for its Greg and Mrs. Brady reference. (\*Barry Williams, "Greg" on the *Brady Bunch*, wrote about going out on a date with his T.V. mom Florence Henderson in his tell-all bio "Growing Up Brady") Cindy Wheeler sings "well I ain't old enough to be your mom/ but you were six years old when I went to the prom." Fortunately, though it would be too easy for them to do, Pee Shy only visits the Dr. Demento/ novelty ghetto rather than make a career of it.

Another "alternative" characteristic of Pee Shy is their three wonderful forays into the spoken word genre. One such outstanding track is "home" which according to Pee Shy (since they do not indicate who is speaking) is "a word to defined by your own lips/which fit around the 'h' 'o' 'm' 'e' like marbles in your mouth/ how many can you fit in? how much?/ the closed throat feeling of trying not to swallow what feels right/ and round and shifting . . ." and delivered by voice that is simultaneously the perfect mix of sultry and silly.

The Broadway element is evidenced mainly in Jenny Juristo's three stand-out contributions; "you belong" "It's the LOVE" and "Keep It Simple, Stupid", which have something of a "Free to be You and Me" quality to them. Juristo's contributions bring a certain seriousness and sensitivity that complements Wheeler's cutesy approach.

Pee Shy will quietly win you over. Their debut is solid though a little spotty at times. So if you're looking to try something a little different, give Pee a chance.

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## Restaurant Review

By Julie Axelrod

Business Manager

Sesto Senso

1214 18th Street, NW

Located south of Dupont Circle on 18th Street, Sesto Senso, a trendy Euro Italian favorite, has the air of a very expensive restaurant, but really is not. Salads are under \$10, most pastas range from \$8.95 to \$13.95, and pizzas are also generally under \$10. Despite the moderate prices, come dressed in nice clothes. Don't wear jeans because you will get seated "upstairs," and reassured that it is "ok."

The wine list is slightly more expensive. You really can't get a good bottle of wine for under \$30, which isn't to say you can't get a bottle of wine. Waiters discourage patrons from buying the less expensive bottles.

The service started off good, declining exponentially by the end. We began with a basket of bread, probably the best focaccia bread in the city — fresh, soaked in olive oil and topped with zucchini and tomatoes.

The grilled calamari with cabbage and carrot salad was unimpressive, leaving you unable to appreciate the calamari. The calamari was not grilled, but lightly breaded and almost charred. It tasted as if it had been frozen, with a "freezer burn" aftertaste. For \$7.95, you could buy three Van de Camp's and have an equally indulgent experience.

The entrees arrived quickly, too quickly. There was a definitely feeling that we were being rushed.

The grilled portabella mushroom salad is a mixture of mesclun, diced portabella mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, and fennel, lightly dressed in an apple vinaigrette. With a touch a fresh grated parmesan cheese, this salad is satisfying for those with a lighter appetite.

The fettucine alla bolognese, however, a slightly salty mix of pork, veal, and beef, will make you wonder whether your high school cafeteria beefaroni has gone "bolognese."

Waiting for change at this restaurant would try anyone's patience. By the end, you will be begging to leave.

Even though you can't come to Sesto Senso for just the focaccia bread and a glass of wine, it makes you wish you could.

Grade: C

## Sports 'n' Stuff

By Darin R. Morgan

Welcome back, faithful readers, to another scintillating column by yours truly. When I sat down to write this week, I really didn't know what to write about, since my last two articles were baseball and football previews. So, this issue I decided I will write about a few different things.

First, there is pro football. Frankly, my wild card picks really look bad. But, as Michael Jordan, the omnipresent marketing and basketball superstar says, even we great ones have our bad days. The Bengals and Patriots are making me look really stupid for picking them to make the playoffs. Similarly, the Broncos and Dolphins look tremendous, much to my chagrin. I hate to admit it, but Jimmy Johnson is the best coach in football, hands down.

Now, here is what I have to say to all of you hopping off the Cowboys bandwagon: HA HA HA HA! They suck! I am enjoying this so much, as I am sure many of you are, too. Hey, don't worry: if they win next week, they might be tied with the Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars. Isn't that impressive? They may bounce back, but they are in a lot of trouble. Free agency has decimated their squad, and their backups just don't cut it. If injuries and legal problems continue to plague them, you can stick a fork in their ugly, pompous, bloated bodies and flush them down the toilet because they will be done.

A note to you Redskins fans: don't get too carried away. Two wins over the Bears without Rashaan Salaam and the Giants (the most pathetic team in football: yeah, Dave Brown is worth \$13 million over 4 years) does not make a season successful. They have a good future, but they aren't there yet.

Speaking of the Giants and Jets, I know many of you are from the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area. How does it feel to know you are housing the two most inept teams west of Phoenix? I think all of you should bide your time until the Great One and Messier step onto the ice together at M.S.G. I will give you this: the Knicks made some great moves, and should join the Bulls, Sonics, Rockets, and Lakers in the NBA's upper echelon. My last statement about pro football: all of you KC Chiefs fans (both of you), Dolphins fans, Broncos fans, and other AFC team fans: don't get too excited. Remember, AFC

stands for Always F\*\*\*\*\*g Choking! The NFC will win the Super Bowl again this year, as they have every year since the Raiders crushed the Redskins in 1984.

Now, how about a little Major League Baseball? I don't know which team chokes more: The New York Yankees or the Baltimore Orioles. The Yanks have more talent than anyone in the American League, yet a 12 game lead has dwindled to 3 as of September 18th. What gives? Maybe Cecil Fielder ate all of their good pitchers when he came over from the Detroit Tigers. As for the O's, yes, they have made a nice comeback. But they are also loaded with talent, and you will watch them fail if they make the playoffs.

Unlike my football picks, my baseball picks were pretty solid. Right now, in the National League, the Braves, Cardinals, and Dodgers are all in first place, as I predicted. And Houston, whom I picked to win the wild card, is right there, but they are fading. In the American League, I had picked the Yanks to get the wild card, and it looks like they will win the division. The O's, whom I picked to win the division, are the front runners to get the wild card. I had the Indians winning the division big, and they already have done so. Damn those choking California Angels. They destroyed my almost flawless record. The Rangers are going to win the West, but watch out if the Mariners make the playoffs. They are so loaded with offensive talent, but they will fall short because I could actually be a starting pitcher for them, and my fastball tops out at 65 M.P.H.

I still think it will be a Braves-Indians World Series. Mark it down in your books. I don't see who can really beat the Braves in the N.L. Only the Dodgers have the pitching to hang with Atlanta, but they don't have enough bats, and their glove work is sub-par. As for the A.L., only the Yanks have the talent to challenge the Tribe, but they will fall short. In the Big Series, the Indians will prevail.

Finally, the last topic for conversation: GW basketball. I might as well talk about it, since it is the only thing this school has going for it. For those of you who go to the gym, isn't it annoying that they are already blocking off the basketball courts for several hours a day for the men's and women's teams to "condition?" Strange... NCAA rules preclude teams from having organized practices before October 15. I want to make it clear that I am not making any accusations here (I learned a little bit about libel in my Legal Research and Writing class). But the people running the team should be careful about how their "conditioning" sessions may be characterized by the zealots who run the NCAA.

When asked about this, one member of the athletic department told me that this practice is kosher, because no coaches are there organizing anything. Yet, I repeat, the floor was blocked off so regular students, like you and me, could not play. Isn't that curious? Besides potential NCAA infractions, shouldn't the school should be concerned about alienating their students, who want to play basketball during the school day? After all, we are the ones paying \$20,000 a year to go to G.W. I think a fair solution is to have them practice early in the morning, when no one is in the gym. And if they are doing anything to violate the NCAA rules (rules which are only slightly less tyrannical than those rules laid out in Nazi Germany and equally as stupid), they should cease and desist immediately.

Oh, one more thing I want to repeat from my last column: tell men's center Alexander Koul to shave his hair. Despite what I wrote in the last paragraph, I want the team to succeed, and they will when Mr. Koul looks and plays tough again. Shalom.

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